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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 20, 2020 with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh is six inches.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 19, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 19, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Akwe River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday July 19, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2020.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from **6:00 a.m.**, **Sunday**, **July 19**, **through 6:00 p.m.**, **Tuesday**, **July 21**, **2020** with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27′ N lat, 139°32.62′ W long to a regulation marker directly across the inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long to a regulation marker northwest on Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long, and south of the regulation marker at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°34.64′ W long;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery for Chinook salmon is closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to those in need in the community.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 19, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 19, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 19 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <a href="http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0920.

Advisory Announcement web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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